#### §91.855

### §91.855 Entry and nonaddition rule.

No person may operate any airplane subject to §91.801(c) of this subpart to or from an airport in the contiguous United States unless one or more of the following apply:

- (a) The airplane complies with Stage 3 noise levels.
- (b) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and was owned by a U.S. person on and since November 5, 1990. Stage 2 airplanes that meet these criteria and are leased to foreign airlines are also subject to the return provisions of paragraph (e) of this section.
- (c) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels, is owned by a non-U.S. person, and is the subject of a binding lease to a U.S. person effective before and on September 25, 1991. Any such airplane may be operated for the term of the lease in effect on that date, and any extensions thereof provided for in that lease.
- (d) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and is operated by a foreign air carrier.
- (e) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and is operated by a foreign operator other than for the purpose of foreign air commerce.
- (f) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and—
- (1) On November 5, 1990, was owned by:
- (i) A corporation, trust, or partnership organized under the laws of the United States or any State (including individual States, territories, possessions, and the District of Columbia);
- (ii) An individual who is a citizen of the United States; or
- (iii) An entity owned or controlled by a corporation, trust, partnership, or individual described in paragraph (f)(1) (i) or (ii) of this section; and
- (2) Enters into the United States not later than 6 months after the expiration of a lease agreement (including any extensions thereof) between an owner described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section and a foreign airline.
- (g) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and was purchased by the importer under a written contract executed before November 5, 1990.
- (h) Any Stage 2 airplane described in this section is eligible for operation in

the contiguous United States only as provided under §91.865 or 91.867.

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#### §91.857 Stage 2 operations outside of the 48 contiguous United States, and authorization for maintenance.

An operator of a Stage 2 airplane that is operating only between points outside the contiguous United States on or after November 5, 1990, shall—

- (a) Include in its operations specifications a statement that such airplane may not be used to provide air transportation to or from any airport in the contiguous United States.
- (b) Obtain a special flight authorization to operate that airplane into the contiguous United States for the purpose of maintenance. The special flight authorization must include a statement indicating that this regulation is the basis for the authorization.

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# §91.859 Modification to meet Stage 3 noise levels.

For an airplane subject to §91.801(c) of this subpart and otherwise prohibited from operation to or from an airport in the contiguous United States by §91.855, any person may apply for a special flight authorization for that airplane to operate in the contiguous United States for the purpose of obtaining modifications to meet Stage 3 noise levels.

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## § 91.861 Base level.

- (a) *U.S. Operators*. The base level of a U.S. operator is equal to the number of owned or leased Stage 2 airplanes subject to §91.801(c) of this subpart that were listed on that operator's operations specifications for operations to or from airports in the contiguous United States on any one day selected by the operator during the period January 1, 1990, through July 1, 1991, plus or minus adjustments made pursuant to paragraphs (a) (1) and (2).
- (1) The base level of a U.S. operator shall be increased by a number equal to the total of the following—